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ACADEMY ATHLETES GIVEN STATE HONORS

Out of the twenty Catholic high school teams competing in Iowa, the All-State eleven published in the Des Moines Register contained the names of three Gubs: Tom Donahue, Leo Lenz and Cecil McMahon. In addition, John Powers and James McDonald were nominated for the second team, while Joe Graham was given honorable mention. Co-captain Thomas Donahue truly earned his position. During the last two seasons Tom has contributed much towards the success of the Gubs, and his graduation will be a hard blow to the team.

"Smiling Leo" Lenz, who also played his last year under the Purple and Gold, was the foremost candidate for a guard berth. Insignificant as he may seem, the Gubs' opponents knew that he was a mountain of strength and respected him accordingly. Another good man is lost when Leo, all-state guard, graduates in June.

Cecil McMahon by his hard-hitting drives and outstanding blocking richly deserved a half-back position. "Cec" has been a loyal Gub for the past three years, and it is fitting that this honor be given him for he too leaves the portals of the Academy. His place will be hard to fill.

Others Honored.

Powers, the fighting end who could not be gotten over or around, is also a senior and his loss will be felt by the 1931 team. "Mickey" McDonald, the game little quarterback and co-captain-elect of the Gubs, was placed at his regular position on the second team. Co-captain Joseph Graham

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Parent-Teachers' Meeting Held In Academy Library

A parent-teachers' meeting was held in the newly decorated Academy library on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 7:00 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting was similar to that of all parent-teachers' meetings: to unite student, parent and teacher in a bond of perfect mutual understanding and to further insure the earnest cooperation of all.

The meeting was so arranged that it was possible for each student to have his respective teachers meet his parents and confer on the student's attitude toward school, his attention to duty, his ability, and spirit of cooperation. A half an hour of straight to the shoulder speaking ensued, in which the parent learned the faults of his or her son, as well as favorable points, and promised earnest and sincere cooperation in aiding the student to better work.

After this meeting the parents were ushered into the newly decorated auditorium for the pre-Christmas program.

Two of the All-Staters

Tom Donahue

Cecil McMahon

ACADEMY PARENTS ENJOY PROGRAM

Student Activities Exhibited.

The pre-Christmas program of Thursday, December 18, turned out to be the most successful of the school year (to date), if not the most successful in the Academy's entertainment history. Preceding the entertainment, which began at 8:00 p. m., the parents of the Academy students were given an opportunity to talk over with individual professors the difficulties and ambitions of their sons.

The program included a production of the Dramatic Club, under the direction of Father Stemm, called "The Flame Leaps Up" by the Jesuit playwrite, Father Lord. The play was capably interpreted and met with the enthusiastic approval of the audience. The cast:

Mary Langford ..... John Oberhausen
Sir Philip Marston ..... Thomas Donahue
Sir Nicholas Lee ..... John Kessler
Master Newcomer ..... Phil Schwinn
A Servant ..... Robert Ernsdorff
Officers ..... { John Corpstein, Chris Hinckly

Music Pleases.

Father Kelly's Glee Club, making their first public appearance of the

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ALUMNUS DIES

Henry E. Maloy, academy graduate of 1912, a World War veteran and formerly deputy revenue collector in Dubuque, died of pneumonia last week.

CHANGES ARE MADE ON CEE-AY STAFF

Openings For New Candidates.

At the beginning of the week the Cee-Ay staff is to undergo a series of changes. The position of assistant editor was abolished in order to give more men an equal opportunity for wider experience.

From the ranks of reporters, William Most, Leo Lentz, James Tunnissen and Wilfred Kress have risen to the positions of staff members. All promotions are to be made on merit, and the above mentioned have proven themselves worthy of the positions due to their good write-ups, cooperation, and attention to duty.

Other Openings

Robert Palen, '31, was appointed as a reporter, having risen from the ranks of "cub." An additional group of reporters is to be added in the near future after the usual Cee-Ay try-outs. Anyone interested is urged to try out; this can be done by writing a news story and handing it in to one of the editors in the next week. also, as something new, the adviser has suggested that each class division in the first and second academic have one reporter. All applicants for this position are requested to hand in their tryouts in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS

Richard Malone of the class of '27 was married to Miss Marguerite Trunk on January 3, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Freeport, Ill.

SYMPATHY

The Cee-Ay expresses the sympathy and offers the prayers of the boys and the faculty to their fellow students, Joseph Graber on the recent death of his mother, and John Becker on the occasion of his father's death some weeks ago. May they rest in peace.

MAGIC, MELODRAMA AND MUSIC AMUSE

Just when minstrel shows were becoming memories to the Dubuque audiences, the College Mission Unit comes along and presents a minstrel as part of the 1931 Issue of the Annual Vaudeville Show, which was held on Monday and Tuesday, January 12 and 13. The program was arranged to appeal to people of all ages.

The first feature was, by many of the youngsters, pronounced the best. "Mephistophelmania," a most fantastic play written by John Evans, was the attraction. The action was built around a bet made at the entrance to Hell, by a magician and the Evil One. The one who would perform the best three feats of magic would receive the key to Hell. Mr. Palen, as the magician, of course performed the three best pieces of magic. Mr. Evans made a most convincing "Doctor Natas of Helgoland." The work of the two Houdinis was set off to the best advantage by a setting that would make Gordon Craig turn green with envy.

Next on the program was a one-act play. "Elegant Edward" was of the highly improbable burglar type so popular "twenty years ago" when such things were considered romantic. The acting of the cast, composed of Harold Reynolds, John Jehring, Clarence Growley, Martin Conway and Ted Boyle was most efficient.

Conlon Features.

Justin Conlon followed with his piano-accordion and stopped the show. This was his first appearance on the Columbia stage with this instrument and he proved himself as

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Winners In Oratorical Elocution Are Announced

In the preliminaries for the Elocution contest, held in the auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 11, the following six men were chosen as entrants: John Kessler '31, Philip Schwinn '31, John Kerper '32, Earl Vogel '32, Richard Sweeney '32, and Joseph Morris '33. Two other juniors, Robert McMahon and Watkins Cantillon, qualified as alternates.

This year's try outs showed a redoubled interest in oratorical elocution, always so popular with the academy boys in the past. Of the 63 students who demonstrated their ability to impersonate famous orators of history, a majority were Third Academics, who are following a special course in speech.

The judges, Fathers Collins, Theobald, and Creighton, were members of the college faculty. They were asked to render their verdict on the basis of distinctness, interpretation and poise.

The six successful candidates will compete in the semi finals soon.

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School as Preparation

As we read the newspapers from day to day, we often notice the sudden rise of some person to fame, and we are inclined to pry into his private life to find just how this person, who probably has passed the mid-section of the average person's life, accomplished those things which brought him to fame. And there, as we read the accounts of his earlier life, how often we find that much of his time had been spent in seclusive study and research work. Many of the greatest geniuses the world has ever known spent trying moments hidden away, probably in a dark basement beside a candle light or in a stuffy attic. And some of the greatest of modern inventions and discoveries have resulted from long hours spent in secluded labor.

But this is not a meaningless digression. A comparison of our school life with the early life of some famous influencing character can easily be depicted.

While in a boarding school, we are in a somewhat secluded state, and we should consider ourselves as such. We should realize that, just as our entire life is only a preparation for the hereafter, so our school life is only a preparation for the more public part of our lives. If that idea could be kept in our minds, the worthless attractions of youth would have little influence on us, and we could, after our school days are concluded, step from the portals of our Alma Mater and, facing the world, truly say, "I am ready."

Those Bugbears

It is with a curious mixture of joy and fear that every student awaits the advent of the mid-year examinations: joy, inasmuch as a half year of work is left behind and the long-desired summer vacation is that much closer; and fear, because he dreads the thought of the examinations. This fear is in some cases so potent as to wipe out all the joy of the matter. We hold it self-evident that fear is an undesirable emotion, and in this case has both a cause and a cure.

The logical steps in the remedy of fear are recognition of its causes, and then, their removal. In this particular case, the motivating forces of fear may be reduced to two: an inferiority complex toward school-work in general and examinations in particular, and a knowledge of real inferiority due to a lack of previous application.

The first defect may be remedied with but little difficulty, and the method is sufficiently obvious.

The second cause of this fear is the more frequent, although both occasionally occur together. The one and only possible chance of removing this cause lies in greater concentration and effort toward the actual mastery of studies. A lack of this is almost invariously occasioned by a distaste for the subject. It will be found, that this dislike is easily removable by cultivating an interest in studies and a certain legitimate, well-regulated pride in being a master of one's books rather than a slave to them. This will only be attained by consistent effort, but in the end, the pleasure gained will be found to far exceed the cost.

Why not give this system a trial? No other solution has yet been offered, whereas this has been tried and proven fruitful. It is certain that no unpleasant results can come of it and, on the other hand, by it the final removal of that fear which is the plague of students is practically assured.

To bear one's fate is to conquer it.

Many a vain worker has become a brain worker by a little change in the head.

Nothing succeeds like success. Treat yourself to a generous portion.

EXCHANGES

Among the best Christmas papers received was the Read-A-Wee of Notre Dame Academy, Belleville, Illinois. The features were excellent and the art work with the timely colors of green and red was of the sort found only in the best professional magazines.

There is symmetry in newspapers as well as art. A well-balanced paper is the best sort of paper. The Tailings of Platteville High, Wisconsin, is a fine example.

The Magnavox of St. Mel High, Chicago, is one of those papers that are delightful for anyone to read whether he is a student there or not. Every inch a treat and a fine Christmas poem make this issue the best produced by the Mel staff for some time.

Campion of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, sends one of its always interesting papers. The Campionette has among many good features an excellent literary page.

The always concise and newsy Lens of St. Ambrose, Davenport, has one of the best feature column among the exchanges, "Sententiae Aureae."

DePaul Prep of Chicago sent in another of their welcome issues. It is hoped that the story "Marching On" will be completed soon. The suspense is hard on our nerves.

—Have a fling at Dramatics—

O'CONNOR, SANNER, AND DUNPHY WIN CONTEST

On December 16, the first interpretative reading contest of the year for the Second Academics was held. Like the First Academic contests, these are held three times during the school year.

The winners were Robert Dunphy, who gave a selection from "Sohrab and Rustum" by Matthew Arnold; Louis Sanner, who rendered from memory a selection from "Chicago" by Carl Sandburg; and Francis O'Connor, who read a selection from the Declaration of Independence.

All three winners are from Dubuque and are in "A" division. The other contestants were James O'Toole. Clinton Kelly and William Trow, all of Dubuque, and Jerome Pfeifer of Chicago. Francis Schroeder of Holy Cross, Iowa, and Nugent McAndrews of Pocahontas, Ill.

—Tryout for the Cee Ay—

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was given honorable mention. As his specialty was blocking, Joe had an opportunity to do spectacular ball carrying in only three games and we think that outsiders generally underrated him a little.

In retrospect, this past season has been one of the most successful in Columbia's history. As the shades of Barkley, Knox and Toner fade away, three great players from the 1930 Gubs succeed to their all-state places, Donahue, Lenz and McMahon.

COLUMBIANS' CAREERS

Edior's Note: In previous issues with the idea of suggesting to the students possible vocations, The Cee-Ay has commented briefly on the success of typical former Columbians in various fields: band direction, stage and radio dramatics, the Hierarchy of the Church, surgery, law, instruction at medical school, Foreign Mission work, radio announcing, state politics, Bible study and painting.

Under this new title, the series continues.

George E. Vander Beke was born in Belgium, receiving his early education there. Later he came to this country and worked as postal clerk at Moline, Ill. During the World War he served as intelligence officer in the army. He entered Columbia College in 1919 and received his A.B. degree. He taught French here at the Academy from 1919 to 1923. Then he attended the University of Iowa, '23 to '26, and received his Ph.D. Since that time he has been at Marquette University, being now Professor of Education in the Graduate School of that university.

Joseph Pfiffner finished the Academy in 1921 and went to Iowa University to study Pharmacy. He finished that course and because of high talents was advised to continue his studies which he did. He obtained his B.A. and Master's degrees and in August, 1928, was granted the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy at Iowa University. He is now a biological chemist at Princeton University. Recently he achieved fame in the Mayo Clinic where purified harmone which he and his colleague obtained from the cortex of cattle, saved a man's life after his heart had stopped beating and he had apparently died.

Essays Await Judgement; Increase In Number Seen

The Essay contest closed last Monday and the papers are now in the hands of the judges. Fifty-nine essays were entered. The Fourth Ac's led with 30 entries; the First Ac's entered 12; the Third Ac's submitted 14; and the Second Ac's were the "weak sisters" with only three entries.

Fifty-nine essays seems a small percentage for the student body; however, this is an improvement over last year, when only 41 were entered: 2 by First Acs, 14 by the Second Acs, 8 by the Third Acs and 17 by the Fourth Acs. In that contest Milton Weimer, then a junior, won the gold medal with "The Imperial Highway" and Edward Schroeder the silver medal with "Solitude."

In 1929, two seniors were victors: Herbert Willging won first place with "The Period—a Dissertation" and Joseph Palen took second place with "Dissertation on the Hole in a Doughnut." In 1928 John D. Evans, as a junior, took high honors with "Latin in the High School," and John Martin second place with "The Hog's Deportment."

James Kearns, of the class of '29 and former athletic editor on The Cee-Ay, now a freshman in the College of Arts and Letters at Notre Dame, was recently appointed a member of the staff of The Scholastic, the University's weekly publication.

VARSITY AND GUBS TO PLAY HOME GAMES

Varsity Meets Western Union

Tomorrow night the College Duhawks will play their first Iowa Conference tilt of the season, in an attempt to defeat Western Union for their third consecutive victory.

After demonstrating the high grade team which Coach Armstrong has moulded together, in the first two games of the season, the Duhawks prospects against Conference opponents seem very bright.

A large crowd is expected, as both Academy and College teams are playing, the former being the preliminary to the latter's game.

DUHAWKS DOWN TUTORS IN CLOSE CONTEST

The College Duhawks handed the La Crosse Teachers a 22 to 19 defeat last Thursday night at La Crosse. It was a very close game and was not decided until the final gun.

Captain "Abie" Coan starred for the Purple and Gold, scoring seven points. At the half the Duhawks led 9 to 6, but during the second half the score was tied twice by Juel, who starred for the Teachers. Aided by Kieler's two clever goals, the Duhawks finally regained the lead which they held for the remainder of the contest.

The score:

La Crosse (19)	FG.	FT.	PF.
Pugh, f.	0	0	1
Kuhn, f.	1	0	0
Novak, f.	2	1	2
Langolder, c.	0	1	2
Graeft, c.	0	0	1
Cashman, g.	0	0	1
Hardenburg, g.	1	1	0
Juel, g.	3	2	1
Totals	7	5	8
Columbia (22)	FG.	FT.	PF.
Keller, f.	2	1	1
Journal, fl	1	0	2
Schwartz, f.	2	0	0
Finley, c.	1	1	2
Coan, g. (c)	2	3	3
Quinlan, g.	0	1	1
Total	8	6	9

Referee—Hesse, Madison.

COLLEGE FIVE DROPS PLATTEVILLE QUINTET

Coming from behind, the College Duhawks won the first game of their cage season here on December 17, by defeating the Platteville Teachers, 22 to 16.

At the half the count was 13 to 7, in favor of the Teachers, but due to the starring performances of Captain "Abie" Coan, the Duhawks gained the lead in the early part of the second half and held it to the end.

The Purple and Gold defense was found hard to pass through by the invaders, and the offensive plays baffled the Teachers all during the second half.

Eighty-five Receive Intramural Letters

At the entertainment of Dec. 18, Columbia's adage "Athletics for all" was proved to be true, for 85 students received the monograms of their respective teams for participation in intramural football.

—Cheer for the Team!—

PLATTEVILLE GOBBLED GUBS IN FIRST GAME

Before a large crowd of ardent Badger fans, the Gubs basketeers lost their opening 1930-31 tilt at Platteville, Wis., with Platteville High, the favorites of the Southwestern Wisconsin Conference, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17. The count was 17 to 7. Lack of their mid-season alertness and precision, with an inaccurate eye for field goals, spelled the Academy defeat, despite hard, sincere playing against more seasoned opponents.

Zieprecht at left guard and Coens at center each sank a field goal and Jim O'Connor, a promising recruit on the regular quintet, at right forward made a foul shot for the 5 to 4 lead at the half.

Platteville, finding themselves, piled up a 10-point margin, making the score 15 to 5 at the end of the third quarter. During the last period, Guards Barkley and McDonald scored a foul shot apiece, while Platteville also added 2 points for the final reckoning.

There were no outstanding stars, as the teams did not have the smooth action to be acquired later in the season.

Platteville (17)	FG.	FT.	PF.
Kapp, rf.	2	0	0
Clark, C., rf.	0	0	0
Rheel, lf.	1	0	0
Bellard, c.	3	0	3
Terrill, rg.	0	1	1
Clark, rg.	1	0	2
Kay, lg.	0	2	1
Total	7	3	7
Columbia (7)	FG.	FT.	PF.
O'Connor, rf.	0	1	0
McMahon, C., lf.	0	0	3
O'Brien, C., lf.	0	0	0
Coens, c.	1	0	1
Barkley (C), rg.	0	1	1
Zieprecht, lg.	1	0	1
McDonald, lg.	0	1	0
Total	2	3	6

Referee—Millman.

—Why not be on the Staff?—

INTRAMURAL

1 A vs. 2 B

1 A defeated the sopromore 2 A, by a score of 17 to 10, Lange of 1 A being high point man with 10 of his team's points. O'Connor and O'Brien did well for 2 A.

3 A vs. 4 A

4 A defeated 3 A in a hotly contested battle, 11 to 6. Cooling and Conlon were sparkling for the seniors.

1 B vs. 2 B.

Again the Freshmen win! 1 B defeated 2 B 17 to 15. Holmes sunk four field goals to capture high point honors. Schroeder and Springelmeyer did the scoring for 2 B.

3 B vs. 4 B

In a rough game the 3 B outfit trimmed 4 B's group 8 to 6. "Mike" O'Dowd scored twice for the winners from the field. Maiers and Weber upheld 4 B.

—Buy your Purgold today—

—Are you a real Columbian?—

Third All-Stater

Leo Lenz

This is the fighting pose of "Smiling Leo," the 16-year-old, 220-pound "baby" guard who, together with co-Captain Donahue, made the right side of the Gub line safe for everybody except the other fellow.

FOOTBALL DINNER COMPLETE SUCCESS

The annual Football dinner was held in Saint Francis Hall on the evening of December 18. After the meal was served, Joe Graham and Tom Donahue, the co-captains of this year's team, gave a short address concerning the team, with a word of advice and hope of success for the Gubs of 1931.

Joe Graham then presented to Coach Cretzmeyer, Father Patnode and Father Coyne tokens of respect and gratitude in behalf of the squad of this year.

Major as well as intramural awards were presented during the program which was staged in the auditorium, following the banquet.

McDonald and Pinger Chosen As Co-captains of Football

James McDonald of Madison, Wisconsin, and Harold Pinger of Dubuque, both juniors, were announced leaders of the 1931 Gubs football team at the entertainment held Thursday evening, December 18.

"Mickie" began his Columbia football career as quarterback on the Russellers in '29, and his remarkable ability placed him at quarterback on the Gubs of the past season. Pinger also worked his way from a lightweight team, the Dodgers, to his position at guard where his skill at blocking and tackling gained him much recognition.

A newcomer in our midst is Donald Driscoll, a First Academic from Creighton Prep, whose parents recently moved from Omaha to Dubuque.

—Be loyal: be yourself—

Gubs To Meet Saint Mary's

The Academy Gubs will meet their first real test when they play their first home game of the basketball season in the College gymnasium Thursday, Jan. 15, with Saint Mary's of Sterling, Ill.

Coach Cretzmeyer is developing a quintet that is a worthy representative of any school. They were defeated in their first game, against Platteville before Christmas, but now they are a real basket shooting team, ready to take victory with them wherever they go.

Four members were lost from our 1930 Iowa State Catholic Champion team: Tom Knox, center, William Leary, Ed. Schroeder, and Jim Trow, forwards; but the 1931 team is strengthened by the return of four lettermen: Captain Dick Barkley, James McDonald, Joe Coens, and Robert Zieprecht.

The five that seem to be working together the best at present and the probable starting lineup for the game are Barkley and McDonald at guard, Jim O'Connor and Cecil McMahon at forward, and Joe Coens at center.

But Bob Zieprecht, guard, Ray Crubel, center, and Ray Cooney and Neil O'Brien, forwards, are giving that quintet some close competition, and any of them may start instead.

Other members of the squad who may see action are Bernard Moran, Henry Gonner, Robert Ernsdorf, Bill Streff, and Joe Turnis.

Not much is known about St. Mary's team, but a good battle is expected.

BASKETBALL BEGINS IN INTRAMURAL FIELD

Intramural basketball, which is one of the many well-acclaimed features of Columbia's sport schedule, has begun its 1931 round.

Divisions have already chosen their captains, and the season is off to a good start.

Fourth year men will be represented by three teams in the league, chosen by captains selected from the fourth year class. First and second year men will compose the junior division while juniors and seniors make up the senior division. At the end of the season, the champions of each division will clash to decide the championship.

Everyone but members of the Academy and Lightweight squads is eligible for a team. It is hoped that as many as possible will participate.

Thirteen Football Men Receive Academy Monogram

On Dec. 19 the members of the 1930 Gubs received the official C A monogram for service rendered during the past successful season. The following men were given letters by Coach Cretzmeyer: Co-captains Joe Graham and Tom Donahue, Captains-elect James McDonald and Harold Pinger, and Bernard Moran, Cecil McMahon, John Corpstein, Joe Coens, Raymond Crubel, Louis Maiers, Leo Lenz, and John Powers. Allen Fairfield received a minor award.

DRAMATIC CONTEST TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The preliminaries of the Dramatic Contest will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, at 3:40 o'clock. All Academy students, excluding the six winners of the Oratorical Preliminaries, are eligible to enter this meet. Father Stemm, as director of the Dramatic Club, expects an even greater number of students than ever to participate in the Dramatic Contest. He especially requests the lower classmen to enter, as from them the dramatists of the coming years are to be picked. About a hundred students are expected to partake in this event. Those entrants in the Oratorical Contest, who were eliminated, should not give up the ship as they may show great talent in dramatics. The judges for the event will be unattached to the Academy and the participants will have a sound assurance of non-partiality.

The contests of the Oratorical, Dramatic and Humerous divisions of Elocution are held annually, and the Academy students have a great chance to test their ability as orators, dramatists and humorists. Therefore, let everyone in the Academy take advantage of this opportunity.

ACADEMY PARENTS ENJOY PROGRAM

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year, delightfully surprised the audience with a group of well-executed selections. They were "Come to Me In My Dreams" and "Shadow March," both arrangements by Cain, Goodel's "Minstrel Boy" and the pleasing spiritual from "Porgy"—"Climb Up, Chillum, Climb," and John Kessler's solo, "Silent Night."

Columbia Academy has every right to be proud of her band, shortly organized as it is, which played a series of concert and popular selections under control of Prof. Dovi's baton. The ambitious overture, "Attila," was very capably rendered.

Father Patnode spoke on the aims and nature of the Academy's system of "Athletics for all," and introduced the coaches of the various intramural teams who awarded the letters. As a climax Father Patnode introduced Coach Cretzmeyer, who presented the Academy "Gubs" with their well-earned monograms.

Father Russell introduced Mr. Edgar Willging, who has four sons attending Columbia. He spoke briefly on the aims and benefits of Catholic education and was very favorably received.

In conclusion Father Kelly called upon the audience to sing "Adeste Fidelis" and "Silent Night" to the accompaniment of the band.

A large factor in the success of the evening's performance was the orchestra directed by Professor Schroeder, which played several selections between numbers including "Sweetheart of Sigma Phi." The following Academy men, assisted by several of the college students, played on Thursday evening: Harry Rosecrans, Eldon Kintzle, Henry Gonner, Wilfred Wanderscheid, C. O'Brien, Ed. Anderson, W. Engler, W. Most, Gerald Schneider, and Robert O'Rourke.

—Try your hand at writing—

PURGOLD CHIEFS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED

The executives of the 1931 Purgold staff have been definitely chosen by Father Gannon and will take up their respective duties at once. A well-balanced and capable staff has been selected and it is one that will certainly endeavor to make the 1931 Purgold the acme of year books.

Harry Rosecrans of Dubuque will head the staff as editor-in-chief. He has always been at the head of his class, an exceptional student and a hard worker, so he will be a capable leader.

John Neilsen, Omaha, Neb., will be the assistant editor. His originality and initiative will be a valuable asset to the Purgold and he can be depended upon to give his best.

John Lyons of Chicago has fittingly been chosen staff photographer. His experience in the Kodak Club has equipped him with the ability to care for the duties of this position. He has been at work since the beginning of the school year taking pictures which will be used in the Purgold.

Henry Gonner of Dubuque will be in charge of the sports section. His facile, interesting work which continually adorns the Cee-Ay is sufficient evidence as to his ability.

Phil Schwinn, Milton Weimer and Arnold Kueper have been assigned the duties of associate editors. Schwinn and Weimer are well equipped for their positions, having received valuable experience as editor-in-chief and associate editor of the Cee-Ay. Kueper was also a member of the staff until his recent illness.

With these men in charge of the 1931 Purgold we may expect a year book of exceptional quality, which every student will be proud to own. The work of all departments is being outlined at present and soon will be in full swing.

LIBRARY REOPENED AFTER IMPROVEMENT

The improvement and renovation of the Saint Joseph Hall Library, which was carried on during the past few months is now completed, and the Library will open for the convenience of the students every day from now on.

New bookcases have been installed along the wall all around the room and the old ones in the center have been replaced by tables. Many new books, of all types, have been purchased and some have been donated so that the total number has been materially increased.

Most of the books, old and new, have been classified and catalogued by Father Creighton and a file will be available. The librarians who will be in charge this year are: Traub, Shedivy, Raker, Balk, Supple, and Kessler. Other day students will be appointed soon.

We are very fortunate in having such a complete and well-stocked library. Since the school has so generously furnished one, it is up to the students to show their appreciation by taking good care of it.

Arnold Kueper finally bade goodbye to the appendix, although he had to move back to the hospital to do so. We all await his speedy return.

KNOCKEL, HELLE, HOLZ WIN FIRST AC CONTEST

On December 11, an interpretative reading contest was held in the auditorium for the first academics. The winners were Edwin Knockel of Lincoln, Illinois, who gave a selection from "Tom Sawyer"; Conrad Helle of Luxemburg, Iowa, who gave "Marc Antony's Speech to the Romans," and Robert Holz of Dubuque, who interpreted a selection from "The Romance of a Busy Broker" by O. Henry. Holz and Helle represented "C" division, while Knockel is in "B."

Other speakers were Frederick Rohner, Ralph Grabow, Edward Goodman, Charles Tschudi, Merlin Lange, and Robert Schrobilgen, all of Dubuque.

Similar contests are held three times a year for the purpose of enabling the student to adapt himself to speaking before a body of people.

After the contest, Professor Cretzmeyer gave a few words of advice to the students. The judges were Joseph Graber and Harry Rosecrans.

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able an accordionist as he is a pianist and orchestra leader.

The last number of the show was the minstrel. This was marked by some expert vocalizing on the part of the soloists and the chorus. The chorus was gathered from the Vested Choir's ranks and consisted of Henry Kingsley, Anthony Lake, Dan Dougherty, Gilbert Hansberry, Joseph J. Mullen, Clarence Crowley, Joseph Kleiner, Orlin Conlon, Carl Kurt, James Lynch, Urban Zehnpfennig and Barney Erbe. The soloists were Lawrence Fettig, Dennis McNamara, John Sims and Francis White. The highlight of the minstrel program was a most unique and well done rendition of that popular air, "Three Little Words," with the solo work of John Sims outstanding. Lawrence Fettig and Dennis McNamara, the two "end men," paused in between their comedy quotations to sing two selections. Mr. McNamara sang "Okay Baby," and Mr. Fettig set the audience on fire with a splendid "Sweet Jennie Lee." The opening number, "We Got Rhythm," and the closing number, "College Medley," were fine. The entire act was good and the music of Angelo Kerper's Crusaders and the directing of Justin Conlon aided in making this vaudeville show one of the best of recent years.

Dan Regan Seriously Injured

Columbia students and alumni heard with sorrow of the severe injuries suffered by Daniel Regan, famous night watchman at Saint Joseph Hall, when he was struck by an automobile last Sunday evening on the West Fourteenth street hill.

"Dan," as he has been called by the students so many years, was known to all as a good friend and Christian gentleman. He has their prayers for a speedy recovery.

—Go out for Elocution—

WASTEBASKET

Scotch football yell:
"Get that other quarter-back;
Get that other half-back;
Get it all back."

A man sat down in a French restaurant and pointed to a line on the French menu card. "Gimme some of that," he said to the French waiter. "Sorry, sir," the waiter said. "The orchestra is playing that."

Do you remmeber way back when Academy rooters shouted:
"Loop the Loop!
Leap the Gap!
Academys coming;
Get off the map."

Joe Coens: "They say hell is paved with good intentions."
Bill Mentz: "Yeah! I was out last night with the girl who has the pasing contract."

College Boy (arrested for speeding): "But, your Honor, I am a poor college lad, and — —
Judge: "Yes, I know you can't pay the fine; but ignorance doesn't excuse anybody."

Zwack is still wondering what declension was followed in the decline of Rome.

"That's another story," said the workman as he fell past the 42nd floor.

Sir Walter Raleigh was a handsome gent,
But as his head upon the block he bent
The tears rolled down. Then some one said,
"For gosh sakes, Walt, don't lose your head."

Then there was Clement Deel who came to English class to get posted on the latest jokes.

Prof: "Where was Caesar killed?"
Student: "Let's see now. Oh, yes, on page 64."

Irish: "Any mail for Mike O'Doud?"
Deaf Postmaster: "No, sir, no mail for anybody's cow."

$ $ $ $ Reward
Lost: The mouthpiece for the bass drum.

Czizek: "Do you like saxaphone music?"
Groff: "Never heard any."

The band extends its heartiest sympathies to Bill Mentz, whom, we are told, "Just don't know what to say" when he is out with fair company.

The singing in "A flat" next door has been stopped by a "cadence" of "#" knives. It was immediately followed by a long "run."

Kessler likes football (he says) as long as they keep the lights on.

It is rumored that the "Cannibal Club," under the leadership of "Doughty Bill" Most will soon renew its nefarious and criminal activities.

It is also had on good authority that M. Weimer will never lay hand